



FDPIR Food Package Review

August 19, 2016

Meeting Notes

Work Group members in attendance: FDPIR Program Staff: Joe VanAlstine (NAFDPIR President); Perry Martinez (SWR VP); Connie Martinez (SWR); Trista Winnett & Jerry Tonubbee (Proxy for Carmen Robertson, SWR Nutritionist); Ray Capoean (WR VP); Lorraine Davis (WR), Desiree Jackson (NAFDPIR WR Nutritionist); Charles “Red” Gates (MPR); Jana Millner (NAFDPIR MPR Nutritionist); Julie Skolmowski (Chief, NSAB, FDD), Matthew Martin (FDD), and Stephanie Cooks (FNS).

Work Group members not at the meeting: Jaime Prouty (NAFDPIR Treasurer); Judy Fisch (NAFDPIR Parliamentarian); Marisa Mitchell (NAFDPIR Secretary); Theresa Gordon/Peggi Bazant (NAFDPIR MWR Nutritionist); Mary Greene-Trottier (MPR VP); Susie Roy (MWR VP); Gloria Goodwin (MWR); Graydon Yatabe (CDC); Samia Hamdan (FNS MWRO); Jessica Creed-Capsel (FNS MPRO); Holly Prestegaard (FNS WRO).

Visitors: Laura Castro (Director, FDD), Janice Fitzgerald (Chief HH Ops, FDD), Kathy Staley (Chief, Program Integrity & Monitoring, FDD), Erica Antonson (Acting Chief Policy, FDD), Alice McKenney (FDD), and Linda Munday (FDD).

I. Discuss & Vote on Guide Rate Realignment Recommendations – Note: because few work group members were able to attend the call, FNS stated that further discussion and voting on each of these items would be delayed to the next conference call. Those work group members participating on the call were asked for some initial feedback.

- a. **Optional substitution of fresh or canned fruit for fruit juice in the food package** – FNS staff stated that they have support for an idea raised at the December 2015 work group meeting to allow participants to substitute canned or fresh fruit for some or all of the fruit juice they receive in the food package. This change could benefit participants who want to add more whole fruits and limit fruit juice in their diets. FNS is recommending a pilot in a few tribes to determine the impact of this realignment on national warehouse inventories and DoD Fresh deliveries. Workgroup members recommended that ITOs be selected for the pilot based on size (small, medium, and large) as well as distribution methods (tailgating, warehouse, store, etc.).
- b. **Consolidation of milk items into one category** – FNS staff stated that they have support for a request previously discussed with the Workgroup to combine all milk items into one category so that participants would have wider variety in which milk products they take.
- c. **Voting postponed** - Action on items a. and b. above would require a majority vote by the voting members of the workgroup. **ACTION ITEM:** Voting on these agenda items was postponed and will be added to the agenda for the September workgroup call.

II. USDA Foods Update: New foods have been added to the food package as follows:

- a. **Whole Grain Shredded Wheat cereal** – shredded wheat cereal has been ordered and delivered to ITO warehouses.
- b. **Whole grain-rich flour tortillas** – the flour tortillas have also been delivered to ITO warehouses. Some ITOs have reported pack size variation and lack of



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labelling, and AMS is working with vendors to correct these issues. One work group member reported that tape on the outer boxes of tortillas is sticking to the individual inner packages and tearing the individual packages open. **ACTION ITEM:** FNS will forward this information to AMS to resolve the issue with the vendor.

- c. **Canned tuna** – tuna has been added to the catalog and is available in the national warehouses.
- d. **Cherry-apple juice** – cherry-apple juice is expected to be delivered to the national warehouses in mid-October as a replacement for grapefruit juice.
- e. **Traditional Foods Procurement** –
 - i. **Bison** – three truckloads of bison have been awarded for FY 2017 delivery; one truckload to Native American Enterprises for February 2017 delivery and two truckloads to Rocky Mountain Land and Cattle for February/April 2017 delivery. Additional bids for bison are due by the end of August 2016. **ACTION ITEM:** FNS will provide more information on bison procurement as it becomes available.
 - ii. **Frozen sockeye salmon fillets** – On August 15, award was made for 6 truckloads of frozen salmon fillets. Deliveries to the national warehouses will begin the second half of October 2016. The salmon fillets will be available in 1 lb. packages with 4 – 4oz. salmon fillets in each package.
 - iii. **Wild rice** – Wild rice bids have been received. The award announcement is expected late afternoon on Monday, August 22.
 - iv. **Blue cornmeal** – blue cornmeal has been added to the flour/cornmeal category as a regular food package item.

III. Other Business:

- a. **Cost Review of Protein Foods in the Food Package:** - a chart was sent to workgroup members providing information on FDPIR foods with the highest protein content, serving size and cost per serving information included. This information was requested at the June 2016 food package meeting in Michigan. In the future, workgroup members would like to see similar information for other food groups in the food package.
- b. **DoD Shell Egg Pilot Expansion** – At the beginning of August 2016, the DoD shell egg pilot was expanded in the Western Region. Three Oregon tribes are participating in the expanded pilot - Klamath, Siletz, and Warm Springs. The pilot is going well, to date. Participants are receiving one dozen fresh shell eggs in lieu of egg mix in their monthly food package. Participating tribes were chosen based on DoD being able to modify contract language that allows for shell egg deliveries through the DoD Fresh Program. The largest tribe in the Western Region pilot has 300 participants. None of the participating tribes have tailgating as a delivery method. FNS will assess the Oregon pilot and continue to work with DoD on opportunities to modify contracts so that further expansion of the shell egg pilot is a possibility.



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- c. **Next workgroup meeting** – The next workgroup meeting is planned for September via conference call. **ACTION ITEM:** FNS will send out a meeting request to workgroup members.

IV. Fall 2016 Face-to-Face Work Planning Meeting –

- a. **Meeting location options** –The FDPIR Tribal Leaders Workgroup is scheduled to meet again Dec 6-7 in either Albuquerque or Washington DC. Work group members were asked whether they would prefer to have the FDPIR food package meeting right before or after this meeting to minimize travel costs. Workgroup members recommended keeping the food package workgroup and the tribal leaders workgroup meetings separate. **ACTION ITEM:** More discussion on this agenda item will follow at the September food package workgroup meeting.
- b. **Agenda topics for the fall meeting:** Southwest Region ITOs have discussed options for new foods in the FDPIR food package. Some of the foods they would like to be considered include catfish, dry corn (posole), mutton, shell eggs, and bottled water. **ACTION ITEM:** Further discussion of agenda items for the fall meeting will be included on the September meeting agenda.

V. Meeting Adjourned